

Dec. 18 1941
71 Crawford St.
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Mr. Allen Johnson
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Dear Mr Johnson:

I received your letter of Dec. 13th, and was really very happy to hear from you. Mr Semler had told me he was going to ask you to write me. I am sorry the distance between us is so great that we cannot meet personally at this time. I want you to know that my husband, The Eagles, and I welcome you most heartily, to our eastern league. I do hope the west will not suffer by you leaving.

We received a letter from our chairman yesterday. In it he said he thought we should wait until the last of January to have our meeting, because of the war. I do not agree with him at all on this, my feeling is we should get together sooner than ever. We elect officers at this meeting, and unless the same officers stay in it is not fair to new one, not to give them more time to get started. If you also feel this way, I would suggest you write Semler and discuss it with him.

Please do not misunderstand my attitude. I am not starting right in to tell you what to do, but I do not know whether Semler received the same letter from Wilson or not.

Of course the war dims our outlook for the immediate present a little, I feel, but there is no doubt the interest in our Colored Baseball is growing every day. I really feel if we would give the fans some statistics, like batting averages etc, we could really build up interest to a worthwhile degree. People in the drivers seats today seem to be more interested in their personal gains. They don't feel that if the business was built up as baseball is built, they would benefit more in the end. Maybe I am wrong in my thoughts. But it will be nice to talk to you and find out what your views are. Until we get a chance to meet, I guess we won't be able to outline all our ideas. I do hope that can be soon.

Very Truly Yours